

Another *Leaflet* dealing in general with plant conservation, and with special reference to the Jamesville-Green Lake Hart's Tongue situation, was published by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden this spring. A copy will be sent to any one interested enough to send 3c. postage.—R. C. BENEDICT.

THE FIRST NEW YORK ORCHID SHOW.—The first New York Orchid Show may be reported upon briefly in these pages, because under the heading of Foliage Plants there was included one class calling for a collection of native ferns. Only one exhibit was entered in this class, by W. A. Manda, with a representation of a dozen or so hardy American species which had been brought forward to full leafage for the purposes of this show.

The Orchid Show itself was noteworthy in a number of ways. First, it comprised the largest collection of tropical orchids ever shown at one time. The walls of a large exhibition hall, at least 200 feet in length, were completely banked with well-arranged displays of exotic orchid species and varieties; and besides these, the middle of the hall afforded space for three other lines of plants and cut specimens. A considerable number of native orchids were shown. One collection included *Arethusa*, *Calypso*, *Liparis*, *Leptorchis*, *Cypripedium arietinum* and half a dozen others, all brought to flower.

The chief exhibitor was Mr. Albert C. Burrage, who is also one of our Fern Society members.—R. C. BENEDICT.

“SKELETONIZED” FRONDS OF *ASPLENIUM FILIX-FEMINA*.—In “One Joyful Afternoon and its Spoils” (*AMERICAN FERN JOURNAL*, Vol. 18, p. 29), Maud L. Chisholm illustrates and describes a “skeletonized” frond of *Asplenium Filix-femina* and inquires if any one else has come upon the form.

Some years ago I collected a similar form in Vermont and a sheet is in my herbarium, but, as all of my mounted specimens with their data are in Vermont, I cannot say authoritatively just when or where it was collected or if it is more or less skeletonized than the one illustrated.

As I have known the species it is very variable in the shape of the fronds. If memory serves me no tricks *Aspidium marginale* is also subject to this form of frond to a greater or less extent.—LESTON A. WHEELER, R. F. D. 2, Bethel, Maine.

American Fern Society

Members of the Fern Society will be interested in the letter which follows, from Dr. F. W. Stansfield, Editor of the *British Fern Gazette* and Honorable Secretary of the British Pteridological Society. Probably some of our members will be interested to ask for sample copies of the *Fern Gazette*, and some may like to join the British Society. We are making a reciprocal offer, to be brought to the attention of the members of the British Society.

“I am glad to learn some of the members of the American Fern Society are interested in our activities. In this small and crowded country the range and distribution of the species is pretty well ascertained and our main interest is in the study of variation and its biology. We have already had several examples of variation from the American continent and I feel sure that some of your members at least might find it worth their while to take up this branch of the subject. We shall at all times be glad to learn of your proceedings and I shall be glad at any time to send specimen copies of our Gazette to inquirers in America as in this country.”